REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- 1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Lannuzo (U.S. Patent No. 5,589,762). In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 5 7 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner allowed claims 1 3 and 8 11. The rejection and objection have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 5 7.
- 2. The applicant has amended claim 5 to include the limitations of claim 4 and has cancelled claim, thus overcoming the present rejection and objection.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 1-3 and 5 - 11 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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